

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-52. (Previously cancelled)

Claim 53. (Currently amended) A material for transferring an image onto a substrate, the material comprising a carrier providing a surface on which an image can be created or onto which a preliminary transfer of an image can be made, said surface being provided by a layer or coating of polymethylpentene material on a backing sheet, the layer or coating being applied ~~at a substantially uniform thickness~~ directly on the backing sheet, the layer or coating being applied to the backing sheet at a weight in the range of about 10 gram/m² to about 30 gram/m², and the backing sheet being paper of a weight in the range of 90 gram/m² to 110 gram/m².

[Claim 54. (Previously cancelled)]

Claim 55. (Previously amended) A material according to claim 53, wherein said layer or coating is applied to the backing sheet at a weight of 25 grams/m².

[Claim 56-59. (Previously cancelled)]

Claim 60. (Previously presented) A material according to claim 53, wherein the reverse surface of the backing sheet which does not carry the layer or coating is coated with polyethylene.

Claim 61. (Currently amended) An image transfer carrier for transferring an image onto a substrate, said carrier comprising:

a paper backing sheet; and

a layer comprising polymethylpentene applied ~~at a substantially uniform thickness~~ directly on the backing sheet to provide a surface onto which an image can be created or onto which a preliminary transfer of an image can be made;

the paper being of a weight in the range of about 90 grams/m² to about 110 grams/m² and the polymethylpentene layer being of a weight in the range of about 10 grams/m² to about 30 grams/m².

62. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 61, wherein the paper is of a weight in the range of 90 grams/m² to 110 grams/m² and the polymethylpentene layer is of a weight in the range of 10 grams/m² to 30 grams/m².

63. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 62, wherein the polymethylpentene layer is of a weight of 25 grams/m².

64. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 62, wherein the paper is of a weight of 100 grams/m².

65. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 63, wherein the paper is of a weight of 100 grams/m².

66. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 61, wherein a reverse surface of the paper opposite the layer comprising polymethylpentene has a layer comprising polyethylene.
